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***“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” Ends With Approximately 11,000 Citations Issued for Impaired Driving and Other Violations***

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – The Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today the results of the recently concluded “*Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*” Labor Day crackdown. Approximately 11,000 citations were issued statewide as a result of the increased enforcement during the impaired driving mobilization that began on August 17 and concluded on September 9.

“Impaired driving has far reaching ramifications. It does not just start and stop with the person behind the wheel driving impaired,” said Mike Cunegin, executive director of ICJI. “As a former law enforcement officer, I know first hand that a crash involving an impaired driver is devastating. What is even more tragic is that these crashes are clearly preventable.”

According to the Traffic Safety Alcohol Fact Sheet from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, 273 people, out of 899 total fatalities, lost their lives in traffic crashes in Indiana in 2006 due to an impaired driver. “Although this statistic is disturbing, I remain encouraged by the aggressive efforts of Indiana law enforcement and their continued crackdown on impaired drivers,” said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director at ICJI.

“I am confident high-visibility enforcement and intense media coverage deployed during this (DUI) campaign worked to heighten the public’s awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. However, drivers should be aware that sustained drunk driving enforcement will continue beyond this campaign,” Klitzsch concluded.

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This year's "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." enforcement crackdown benefited Hoosiers in many ways. While its primary purpose was to deter impaired driving through high-visibility enforcement, the mobilization also countered other potential traffic hazards, and rid local streets and neighborhoods of criminal activity. Following is a breakdown of significant arrests that occurred as a result of Indiana's increased DUI enforcement efforts:

County	Department	Significant Events & Arrests
Allen	Fort Wayne PD	Two felony arrests: 1 fleeing police and 1 possession of marijuana. Two high Blood Alcohol Concentration (B.A.C) arrests – 0.49 and 0.46
Allen	New Haven PD	Officer stopped a vehicle with a headlight out and found that driver was wanted for a rape in Ft. Wayne. The New Haven PD had a total of 14 Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests and 29 minor consumption arrests.
Bartholomew	Bartholomew County SD	One meth lab seizure, 1 possession of pre-cursors, 2 driving while suspended priors, 1 possession of cocaine (3.26 grams), 7 public intoxications, 7 no operators license, 3 DUI's, 1 leaving the scene of a crash, 4 arrest assists, 4 warrants served, 1 illegal consumption, 1 police officer intimidation, 2 possession of paraphernalia, 4 fraudulent government ID's.
Blackford	Hartford City PD	One OWI arrest resulting in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, 1 operating while never receiving a license, 1 foot pursuit, 1 leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, 1 mentally ill unwanted subject, 1 vehicle towed for suspended driver and no insurance.
Carroll	Carroll Co. Traffic Safety Partnership	One arrest for possession of marijuana, 3 arrests for minor consumption of alcohol, 2 arrests for public intoxication, 2 arrests for driving while suspended/prior, 1 arrest for invasion of privacy, 1 arrest for maintaining a common nuisance, 2 arrests for visiting a common nuisance, 1 arrest for reckless possession of paraphernalia.
Clay	Clay County SD	A vehicle was stopped for no license plate light, more than \$4,000 in stolen merchandise was found in the vehicle from a burglary. The suspect who was driving was arrested at the scene.
Clinton	Clinton Co. SD	Officer had a vehicle stopped along side of the road, a second vehicle stopped and yelled at the officer about the initial stop. Officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol from the vehicle and directed the driver of the second vehicle to pull to the side of the road. While appearing to pull to the side of the road, the driver fled. The officer followed, the suspect then lost control of the vehicle and crashed. With only minor injuries, the suspect fled on foot. Was later caught and arrested by the officer.
DeKalb	Auburn PD	During an OWI arrest, 55 ecstasy pills and 2.5 grams of rock cocaine were found.
Delaware	Yorktown PD	Felony drug arrest – 45 grams of marijuana, 1 warrant service
Elkhart	Bristol PD	Officer pulled over a vehicle for an inoperable plate light. The driver was suspended and had an expired plate. During a search of the vehicle, over 30 grams of marijuana was found in the vehicle, along with digital scales and baggies.
Fayette	Fayette County SD	One warrant arrest and 1 suspended driver citation

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Floyd	Floyd County PD	Two marijuana arrests
Grant	Grant County SD	Seven warrant arrests, dealing cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of handgun by a serious violent felon, resisting law enforcement, failure to appear, criminal conversion, parole violation/robbery
Hendricks	Brownsburg PD	One felony warrant arrest containing three counts, 1 vehicle pursuit resulting in multiple felony charges.
Jackson	Seymour PD	One arrest involved a pursuit and fight with police by suspect. The suspect was charged with disorderly conduct, Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) refusal, resisting law enforcement, criminal recklessness, and several violations. One arrest for possession of methamphetamine.
Jasper	Rensselaer PD	Seventeen underage drinking arrests were made
Johnson	Johnson County Law Enforcement Coalition	One no operators license, 1 possession of paraphernalia, 1 possession of controlled substances, 1 possession of a legend drug, 1 habitual traffic violator, 1 possession of marijuana and 1 leaving the scene of property accident.
Knox	Knox County SD	Several minor consumption arrests along with several misdemeanor drug arrests and 1 felony drug arrest.
Knox	Vincennes PD	In one 8-hour period, a Vincennes police officer made 7 arrests – 1 OWI, 4 minor consumption, 1 public intoxication and 1 public intoxication and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Another Vincennes police officer was involved in a pursuit of a motorcycle which ended with the motorcycle crashing into the police car. The operator of the motorcycle was found to be under the influence of marijuana and methamphetamine. The motorcyclist faces 6 charges and 10 citations, while a passenger on the motorcycle was arrested for a warrant.
Lake	Merrillville PD	A vehicle was stopped suspected for DUI, the officer found the suspect in possession of 1 gram of rock cocaine. The suspect was charged with a DUI and possession of cocaine. Another vehicle was stopped in which the driver was found and charged with the possession of marijuana. Two warrants were served, and a public intoxication arrest was made.
LaPorte	LaPorte Co. PD	Eight misdemeanor arrests – 2 never receiving a license, 3 failure to stop at and accident, 1 public intoxication, 1 resisting law enforcement, 1 alcohol beverage commission violation, 2 curfew violations.
Madison	Elwood PD	Possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, civil warrant, possession of controlled substance, disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement, OWI, possession of a legend drug, resisting law enforcement and 4 warrant arrests. The possession of a controlled substance led into a lengthy drug investigation that will result in multiple drug arrests in the future. The OWI suspect refused, so a judge and prosecutor were contacted to obtain a Mississippi v. Davis warrant to draw the blood of the suspect.
Marshall	Culver PD	Culver PD arrested a subject who had 5 misdemeanors and one felony warrant. A vehicle was stopped for driving left of center, the driver was found to be in violation of OWI under a controlled substance, a passenger in the same vehicle was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.
Monroe	Bloomington PD	While conducting extra OWI patrols, an officer made an arrest for OWI and while conducting this investigation he discovered the driver was habitual traffic violator (life). The officer also recovered stolen property from the suspect's vehicle.

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Noble	Kendallville PD	Positive canine alert on a traffic stop led to an OWI by controlled substance arrest and an arrest for possession of a controlled substance
Perry	Cannelton PD	While attempting to stop a possible OWI, the vehicle refused to stop. The pursuit lasted only a short distance and the suspect was charged with a felony OWI and resisting law enforcement.
Putnam	Greencastle PD	Six DUI arrests during the enforcement crackdown.
Shelby	Shelby County SD	During a DUI checkpoint, suspect was arrested for operating a vehicle under controlled substances (Hydrocodone and Xanax). During a K-9 search of the vehicle, marijuana was found behind the gas cap cover. Suspect refused a chemical test and a search warrant was granted to obtain his blood. This suspect was also charged with intimidation. A saturation patrol stop resulted in a felony arrest for possession of a legend drug.
St. Joseph	St. Joseph County SD	One possession of cocaine arrest
Steuben	Steuben Co. Traffic Safety Partnership	An SUV ran a stop sign, refused to stop and a pursuit ensued. Driver later crashes in Michigan and was arrested. Suspect had committed an armed robbery at the Angola Meijer store and was later indicted for a similar robbery in July at a Meijer store in Ohio.
Tipton	Tipton PD	A female subject was arrested for OWI, she had previously been arrested on August 1, 2007 for the same expense. A male driver was also arrested for OWI and driving while suspended with priors.
Vanderburgh	Evansville PD	One felony warrant for auto theft, 1 armed robbery with a handgun (juvenile), 1 OWI with possession of a schedule III controlled substance.
Vanderburgh	Vanderburgh Co. SD	DUI arrest in front of a school zone on the first day of school.
Vigo	West Terre Haute PD	A female subject was arrested on a warrant for 2 counts of dealing methamphetamine.. The suspect was also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.
Wabash	Wabash PD	A Wabash police officer stopped a vehicle for a loud exhaust, the driver was found to be a habitual traffic violator (HTV) and was arrested at the scene.
Warrick	Newburgh PD	One OWI – D Felony and driving while suspended, 2 juvenile arrests for minor transporting – 1 citation for minor transporting, 2 citations for open alcohol container.
White	Monticello PD	Officers made 3 possession of marijuana arrests. Officers also got into a vehicle pursuit with a suspect from a stabbing, stop sticks were deployed deflating the tires on the suspect's vehicle. Suspect was subsequently arrested.

The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

*The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides grant funding, training, coordination and ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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